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President's Message:

As the summer holiday season draws to a close I hope that it has been an enjoyable and relaxing period for every ASC member and their families.

We will soon embark upon the last four months of our current calendar year, a period which we will do our best to make as meaningful for you as possible.

In the context of our having attempted during the last two years to periodically invite special speakers or hold special events as a part of our membership meetings I am delighted to confirm that which I announced at the June membership meeting i.e. that the Andover Police Department will provide a live demonstration on our outdoor range following our September membership meeting. Therefore, as has been posted on the club's ranges for several weeks and stipulated in the club's website the September membership meeting will commence at 6:30 PM (dinner at 5:30) instead of the usual time of 7:30 PM. We intend for the meeting to be conducted in as affective a manner as possible with a view to being completed by 7:15 PM in order that we can provide the APD as much daylight time as possible.

I would also like to mention other initiatives that have been either implemented or emphasized during the summer period. I hope all of you will consider participating in one or all of them in the future. Specifically,

OUTDOOR RANGE.....
Bill LeBlanc has developed a small but fascinating group that has taken advantage of his desire to have a regular Wednesday afternoon "shoot" on the outdoor range with as many members participating as possible. Regardless of whether you are an accomplished long gun or pistol aficionado or a beginner Bill and others are more than willing to impart an incredible amount of information and knowledge you will be hard pressed to experience anywhere else. I might also say that the "Tall Tales" that freely flow at the weekly gathering make it a fun time whether you shoot or not. I would not be so bold as to suggest that there is an occasional amount of exaggeration involved however I have unofficially named the three charter members (Bill LeBlanc, Tom King and Lou LoPresti) the "Pinocchio Club". If you are familiar with the story of Pinocchio you will understand.

ARCHERY RANGE.....
John Leone has recently started a Saturday morning program for archers that I believe is both innovative and a great deal of fun for those that participate. I should add that participants can be those that have an interest in archery but have never used bow to those that are accomplished in the sport. The program includes not only a well organized shoot but a barbecue lunch prepared and served by the archers on the archery range outdoor grill. There is a charge of only \$6.00 per entrant of which \$3.00 covers the cost of an excellent lunch for which the food is provided by the archers and \$3:00 is for the use of the club's facilities that is 100% contributed to the club's capital improvement fund

TRAP RANGE.....
In addition to the Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday regular shooting schedule there is presently underway the second annual ASC club championship. This year we have 23 participants all of whom are shooting their qualifying rounds before September 1, 2007. The Championship "shoot off" finals will take place on Sunday, September 30 at which time the trap range will be closed to all non participants. There is still time for any member that may wish to participate regardless of your skill level. Participants will be divided into flights according to their level of competence and every flight will have winners whose prizes include free rounds as well as trophies.

INDOOR RANGE.....
I would be seriously remiss if I did not use this occasion to recognize the outstanding Indoor Range improvement project that has been underway for several months. I encourage everyone that has not yet done so to "take a look" at that which has been done. I have no doubt that you will be enormously impressed at the job that has been designed, directed and implemented by Al Croteau and Brad Reichter along with the invaluable assistance provided by; Paul Surret, George Wright, Al DeRoche, David Boucher, Jacques Moron and Jim Roop.

In closing I hope every ASC member and their families are enjoying a safe, relaxing and regenerating summer and I look forward to seeing each of you in the fall commencing with the September membership meeting

Sincerely,
Dick Reichter

Membership Meeting:

The September meeting will start at 6:30 with dinner starting at 5:30. This is a one time event to allow the Andover Police Department as much daylight as possible for the outdoor demonstration. Remember it is the time of year for nominations for the election of officers to the ASC. Please participate in the election process. The club needs good people to continue to run it and help make it the best sportsmen's club around.

Archery:

John Leone has a great shoot set up for all archers every Saturday morning. This very popular event will last until the start of the hunting season. All archers get to shoot at new targets, bought this year and the archers cook a great lunch for just \$3. This is hard to beat and you and your guests will have a great time.

Training:

As we now have certified instructors in archery, the Andover Sportsmen's Club is pleased to announce that archery courses will now be available, including fun shoots, and private and semi-private lessons and will offer group rates to organizations interested in archery.

The second Beginner's Archery Class will be held on Saturday September 22 from 9:30 to noon with a rain date on the 29th. Sign in will be in the clubhouse beginning at 9:00AM. The class is open to club members and their children 10 years of age or older who want to get started in archery. There is no charge

Outdoor Range:

The upgrades are still going on to make this range one of the best around. There are new shooting benches, equipment storage shelves, two overhead fans, new L.E.D. strobe lights and gate alarm. Also there are improvements to the warming room which will help all in the cold months ahead. If you have not seen the improvements please check them out Bill Leblanc has done a great job. Please remember to pick up your brass.

Indoor Range:

The soundproofing of the range is 95% completed and it really works. Brad Reichter and Al Croteau have done a great job. They want to thank all those who helped them during the last several months. Everyone who shoots should take a look at the new additions and see how the noise level has decreased not only outside but also for those shooting on the range.

Trap Range:

Al DeRoche is planning new ways for trap shooters to enjoy themselves with new games. At the present time trap has its intramural Championships on going with qualifiers having to shoot at 16 yards, 27 yards and wobble. September 30th the trap range will be closed for the championship shoot.

Membership:

Al Niebyrdowski says that the membership now stands at 858. We have not accepted new members during the summer but at our September 13th meeting we will be bringing in new members. If you know of anybody interested in joining, the prorated annual dues will be \$43.33 + \$200.00 entrance fee. All applications have to be received before 8/25/2007. Please contact me at 978-532-0038 or arn62@verizon.net if you have any questions in this regard.

Security:

The gate is operating properly thanks to Brad Reichter, Al Croteau and Bill LeBlanc.

Dates to remember:

Events

- 10/6/07 - Pig Roast starting at 1PM
- 10/13/07 - Work Party (Rain Date 10/27/07)
- 10/21/07 - Archery Shoot
- 11/4/07 - Pumpkin Shoot
- 11/11/07 - Turkey Shoot
- 12/9/07 - Cheer Shoot

training

- 9/9/07 –Basic Pistol Course
- 9/22/07-Archery Class (rain Date 9/29/07)
- 10/14/07- Basic Pistol Course
- 11/4/07- Basic Pistol Course

Please remember to bring a side dish such as vegetables or desert to the Pig Roast

NOTICE THAT THE SEPTEMBER 13TH MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 PM

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